

**Claims:**

**1. A drum assembly and a drum rim guard comprising**

**a hollow drum shell,**

**a rim and drumhead closing each end of said drum shell,**

**a drum rim guard secured at a selected position on one of the drum rims**

**5 protecting the rim of the drum against damage and providing a desired modification of the sound produced by the drum when struck by the drummer, and**

**said drum rim guard comprising a sleeve member having a length of only a small fraction of the circumference of said drum rim, fitting over one edge of said drum rim and secured directly thereto by means engaging only**

**10 said drum rim.**

**2. A drum assembly according to claim 1 wherein**

**said drum rim guard comprises a sleeve member having end portions hooking over both edges of said drum rim to secure it directly thereto.**

**3. A drum assembly according to claim 1 wherein**

**said drum rim guard comprises a sleeve member fitting over only one edge of said one drum rim and having screw members extending through said sleeve member into said one drum ring to secure said sleeve member and**  
**5 drum ring directly together.**

**4. A drum assembly according to claim 1 where in**

**aid drum rim guard comprises a sleeve member fitting over one edge of  
said one drum rim and setscrews extending through one side of said sleeve  
member to engage said one drum ring to secure said sleeve member directly  
5 to said one drum rim.**

**5. A drum assembly according to claim 1 wherein**

**said drum rim guard comprises a sleeve member fitting over one edge of  
said one drum rim and bolts extending through said sleeve member and said  
one drum rim, and nuts positioned on said bolts to securing said sleeve mem-  
5 ber and drum rim together.**

**6. A drum assembly according to claim 1 wherein**

**said drum rim guard comprises a sleeve member hooking over both  
edges of said one drum rim, and setscrews extending through said sleeve  
member and engaging said drum rim to secure said sleeve member thereon.**

**7. A drum assembly according to claim 1 wherein**

**said drum rim guard comprises a sleeve member fitting over both edges  
of said one drum rim, bolts extending through said sleeve member and drum  
rim, and nuts positioned on said bolts to secure said sleeve member thereon.**